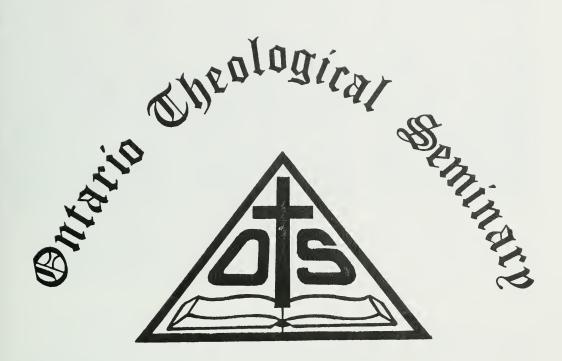
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#### DEAN'S MESSAGE

A number of years ago C.S. Lewis coined the phrase 'Mere Christianity', by which he meant a Christianity concerned with the basics, and one which did not pay undue attention to the secondary, the partial, and the ephemeral. It is along this line that I am using the phrase 'Whole Christianity', and in viewing OTS it is my concern that the Seminary shall be characterized by such a Christianity, and so shall our lives, our ministries, the congregations with which we are associated, and the whole Church of Jesus Christ.

Foundational to 'Whole Christianity' is the Bible. There God has spoken the truth about the dignity and misery of man, and about redemption through Jesus Christ. But if we stopped there this would be a prescription for 'dead orthodoxy'. We also need to live in the light of the fact that the Holy Spirit uses the Bible to bring us to know in experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. Thus we are on the road to wholeness.

'Whole Christianity' also relates to the best of the Christian heritage throughout history. The historical tradition does not share the authority of life-giving power of Scripture, but within the control of Word and Spirit it clarifies, illustrates and enlivens. The devotional classics in prose and hymn; the theological works which breathe Scripture, reflect intellectual excellence, and lead into the presence of God; the accounts of vision, faith and courage - all these contribute to our wholeness. We are impoverished without our roots in history as well as Scripture.

As 'Whole Christians' we also need to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches in our contemporary era. There is always fresh light to break forth, which qualifies the tangential, enlightens the obscure, and fills the vacuum. The oneness and interrelatedness of the Body of Christ appears to be part of God's special agenda for us today. The barriers of polity and structural variation appear to be falling, there is much commonality of understanding on sanctification, there are groupings of recognition across the baptismal chasm, and there is a desire on the part of many that millennial difference not overcome the common hope of the parousia. In addition to the recognition of oneness we need to be alert to the cultural along with the redemptive mandate, to the fact that the supernatural and miraculous are integral to normal church life, and to the God-given hunger for worship which is suffused with the presence of God.

Finally, we need to be open to what God is yet going to do in the future. We haven't got it all together. We have scarcely begun to enter into all that God has for us by his Word and Spirit. So may we hunger and thirst until we ourselves and all we are involved in, is characterized by Christian wholeness.

-Dr. Ian Rennie



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#### STUDENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Friends.

I am sure the academic year has passed by quickly for all of you. Whether this past semester has been your first or your last at O.T.S., I trust that it has been both an encouragement as well as a challenge to you. I have found my three years here to be both.

There has been the challenge of learning to discipline one's mind to grapple with new and at times difficult concepts; the challenge of struggling to maintain one's personal time with God in the "business" we all claim (and blame); the challenge of taking time to build meaningful relationships with colleagues without neglecting one's academic responsibilities; the challenge of seeking to live with and love all expressions of the mosaic of the evangelical community; even the challenge of smiling in the face of a football defeat.

As you reflect upon the past year, you no doubt have areas in which you also experienced the maturing process of having your rough edges polished as you rubbed shoulders with others in the O.T.S. community. I know that I have not always been able to live out James' exhortation: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds." (James 1:2) But I also firmly believe that "He knows the way I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." (Job 23:10)

There have also been times of encouragement. The encouragement of our faculty—men of God committed to the task of equipping us for our various areas of ministry, the encouragement of that close circle of friends with which each of us develop bonds which will not be broken by the miles which may one day separate us; the encouragement of those times when our community gathered for worship and prayer; the encouragement of the love and generosity expressed by the students, staff, and faculty in response to special needs which arose. Paul, in writing to the Thessalonians, provides an exhortation which remains valid for us today: "encourage one another and build each other up." (I Thess. 5:11) I thank you for the encouragement you have been to me and would encourage each of you to continue in the responsibility and privilege of mutual edification.

At the Student/Faculty Retreat last fall we opened the year with the theme, "Keeping the Fire Burning". It is my prayer that the experiences of the past year have fueled your spiritual fervor and that the Word of God might burn within you as you approach ministry opportunities.

I count it a genuine privilege to have served this past year as your Student Council president. I would be negligent if I failed to acknowledge the special role which the other members of the executive played: vice-president Mike Lafleur who epitomizes encouragement and enthusiasm; secretary Liz Dobson, who has that knack of making sense out of nonsense; and treasurer Paul Russell, whose ready wit and faithful service was appreciated by all.

May God guide all of us as we continue seeking to honour Him and bring Him glory as He gives us opportunity.

-Gary Horst student council president





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You lead me onward.
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Will I never really catch You?
Or can you ever be caught?

But You continually reach Your hand back to me, Never leaving far behind My frail, human mind. My heart longs to be with You, Where you really are. Someday I shall But now...I must wait.

I cannot comprehend You, Still I can understand. I can never reach You, Still I have been reached. I can never really know You, Still I am intimately known. It is too wonderful for Me, I cannot grasp it!

But I thank You, Lord, For who You are.

-David Ormerod















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#### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

The mandate of the Devotional Committee is to encourage and provide for the stimulation of the devotional aspect of Seminary life. Its existence was founded upon the view that at an academic institution such as OTS, there is the need to balance the heavy intellectual emphasis with an emphasis upon relational aspect of our Christianity.

During this school year, calling the Devotional Committee a committee was actually a mis-nomer. Its only "official" member was the chairperson. This was not as accidental as might be supposed. The idea was that, in essence, all of the student body were members of the committee. Through the course of the school year, many different people were involved in the different programs which the Devotional Committee sponsored. As a result, no one was necessarily committed on a long term basis except the chairperson who provided (attempted anyhow) continuity, unity and order.

The Devotional Committee sponsored and organized a number of different events and programs over the school year. The most visible of these were the Student Chapels and the Days of Prayer (one in each of the terms).

There were many who were involved in the Tuesday Student Chapels. In attempting to name them all, I am afraid that I would miss somebody and therefore I will not attempt to do so. With the variety of people involved, a variety of elements were emphasized in these chapels including praise, worship, thanksgiving, encouragement, missions, liturgy and prayer to name just a few.

The Days of Prayer were also the product of a large number of people. Those who were particularly involved in planning included Dan Schut, Mark Graves, Roger Pennycooke, James Ohanaka, Carol Wheeler, Dan Bennett and Dave Ormerod. Besides these people, there were again many others who helped out or took part who should be recognized but whose involvement I was not ever aware of.

Both Days of Prayer, in my view, were high points in the community life of the Seminary. In the fall, the focus was upon the ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) formula for prayer. In February, the emphasis was upon the power of prayer. On both days we joined OBC for a corporate time of prayer and worship around the Lord's Table.

As well as these visible ministries, there were a number which were less prominent. In the Fall, a prayer network was established in conjunction with the fellowship groups. Through this network, prayer requests from the Seminary community were brought to attention by having them posted upon the prayer bulletin board. This unfortunately, fell through in the Winter due to a lack of strong leadership.

The middle of the winter term saw the beginning of a small but regular prayer meeting on Thursdays over lunch. This, hopefully, filled the gap which was left from the Fall.

As chairperson this year, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in any way in any of the Devotional Committee programs. You were this years Devotional Committee. Thank you.

In closing, I would like to leave you with one thought.

When all has been said and done, all that will ultimately matter is our relationship with Jesus Christ.

-Harry Niezen















#### MISSION'S COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee at the start of the school year decided to try some new ideas for stimulating the concepts of missions in the seminary. The most successful idea has been the starting of Friday missions chapels. After getting faculty and student council approval these were started in November.

Since the Fellowship of Faith for Muslims were planning a seminar on Muslim Evangelism in Toronto, the committee decided to stress the work among Muslims in several chapels. Dave Lundy, a part time student at O.T.S. and Canadian Director of North Africa Mission presented the work his organization is doing within Muslim groups. He also discussed some ways to reach Muslims in Toronto.

In another chapel several people who were converted from the Muslim faith to Christianity were assembled. They shared what had influenced them to become Christians and of some of the problems that arose because of their decision.

Also in the Fall semester, Bob Davis, the International Director for Finance and Administration for Overseas Missionary Fellowship working in Singapore spoke in a chapel of the work of O.M.F. and also of his own personal experiences concerning his family.

For the spring term the Mission Committee decided to ask students from within the seminary who had been or were planning to be involved in missions to speak.

The first spring chapel speaker was Professor John Kessler who is going to be doing church planting work in East Paris under the Fellowship of Evangelicol Baptists Foreign Missions Board. His pictures were informative and his reasons for going were challenging.

Bill Fietje, an Q.T.S. student and Rich Rancourt, whose wife is an O.T.S. alumnus spoke and showed pictures of the innovative and exciting church planting ministries they are involved with three O.M.F. in Thialand to Buddists and Muslims.

The Chinese students presented an interesting and informative chapel on the problems, opportunities and methods of reaching both overseas and Canadian-born Chinese. It was well done and the refreshments afterwards were appreciated.

Mike LaFleur showed pictures of his summer missionary experience in Indonesia with Regions Beyond Missionary Union. My, what a summer he had and what a lot of questions he has going through his mind.

Other chapels were taken by the Nigerian students and by Ruth Copland and the Leprosy Mission.

The committee is continuing to work through mission displays and all prayer meetings to increase the awareness of missions. Our prayer is that God will raise up a might host of missionaries world wide from this institution.

-Phil Holley



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#### C.T.S. CONFERENCE

The St. Andrew's College Campus in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan hosted the 1984 Canadian Theological Students' Conference. About fifty conferees from theological institutions across Canada gathered together to discuss the theme: THE PROPHETIC ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN THE POST CHRISTIAN ERA. Four panelists addressed the issue: Art Van Seters, Principal of Vancouver School of Theology, gave the Biblical Perspective, that is, the role of the prophet in the Old Testament. Father Hanrahan, President of St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, brought us the Historical Perspective. Dr. Ben Smillie, Professor at St. Andrew's College, particularized the issue by proposing the Church examine the Econo-socio-political structures of the society in which it is found. If the structures are morally wanting, to challenge and change them. Rev. Charlotte Caron, Professor at St. Andrew's College, spoke of the Feminist Perspective regarding the prophetic role of the Church. Her thesis was that the Bible came to us from a culture which was "Patriarchal", that is, it was male dominant-female oppressing. Therefore the concepts given to us are male oriented. One suggestion she gave is that the Bible be re-written without its sexists bent.

The suggestions from the plenary sessions and workshops became the springboards of discussion in small groups. Progressively the panelists seemed to fade into the background while group discussion played a more important role.

There was much discussion about the meaning of "post christian era', the general concensus being that it probably meant post christendom. Everyone agreed that the Church has a prophetic role. Some idealists advocated a change in the system itself (econo-socio-political system based on capitalism) while the pragmatists felt the Church needed to work within the system, not wait until the whole system was changed. Most of the students interpreted the prophetic role of the Church being various aspects of social action: relieving oppression, feeding the hungry, etc., very few thought of the prophetic role of the Church to include calling an unbelieving nation to faith in Christ.

The small group format provided an opportunity for us to get to know the conferees intimately. Here we realized that we had much common ground upon which we could stand as a basis for dialogue. Many students were concerned about how to practically express our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in culture. Although many students may have had a low view of Inspiration, most of the students readily bowed to the Lorship of Christ and agreed on the authority of Scriptures.

The students worshipped together as a body twice each day. The morning services, preplanned by the host committee, were liturgical. The afternoon worship service were planned by each "small group". Though somewhat liturgical they contained a great deal of variety and spontaneity. As part of the last service of worship we had a foot-washing to signify our solidarity and servitude in Christ. Each small group brought a symbol which portrayed their view of the conference. A wedding ring portrayed that Christ is the vine and we are his branches. A metal ring with different coloured thread knit together portrayed the unity and diversity of the Church. There was a lump of clay to portray we were still an unfinished product, being shaped by the hands of God.

What did I get out of the Conference?

I made many good friends amongst those with whom I thought I had nothing in common. My horizons were lifted to higher planes and my vision of the Church expanded. In other words, I was stretched intellectually and spiritually.

I had the joy of worshipping in ways that were unfamiliar to me and with people with whom I previously thought I had very little in common. Together we had bowed to the Lordship of Christ and had sought to understand how we could make Christ more real in the world.

-Zahir Visram



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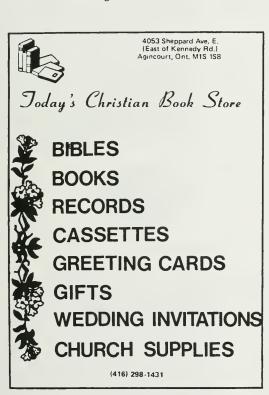




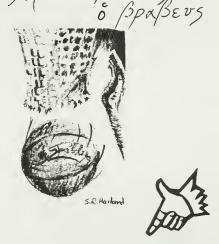


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#### PART-TIME STUDENT'S REPORT

You're probably thinking that I am one of those typical seminary students who firmly believed that the office of the pastorate had been a life long calling. That wouldn't be further from the truth!

After accepting the claims of Christ and committing my life to following Him in my teenage year, I enrolled into O.B.C. In my graduating year, and only then, did I begin to consider a full time youth pastorate through God's gentle prodding. After receiving my B.TH degree and being accepted by a church to begin service that following September, I began a four month holiday period during the summer to hibernate.

During my time off to catch a breather from studies God began to cause me to consider the seriousness of my recent decision to serve as a youth pastor. Just when I thought I was all versed up and prepared to "minister" I wondered if I really had been fully equipped and what about five or ten years down the road, would I be fully prepared and educated enough to remain in a full time pastorate here or anywhere? And when would I find the time to involve myself in full time studies with a family and more commitments?

It was at this time I seriously contemplated the advantages of enrolling into O.T.S. on a part time (Monday) program. God had not only allowed me close proximity to the school but full support from my new church. With this reasoning and God's inner assurance I began studies that September.

At present I am completing my third year in the M.Div program. The education and insights of the professors (and fellow seminarians) have far exceeded what I ever imagined. I have found many of the professors and guest lecturers during the INTERCESSIONS to be more than willing to help and be as caring for the student when out of classes as in.

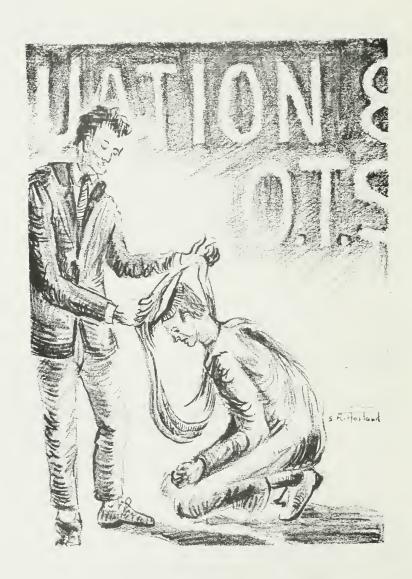
I should add that there has been a cost of time and energy which I had not fully anticipated and would suggest to others that they spread their studies over more time nevertheless the price has not been without its rewards.

I am convinced that every full time minister and youth worker should maintain seminary classes whether it be for a degree or just for help along the way.

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-Bill Thornton





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